

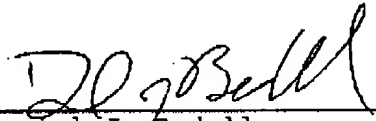
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7, 10, 11, 12 and 17 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U. S. Patents 6,721,316 (Epps) and 6,529,478 (Schwartz). Notice of Appeal has been filed.

An amendment after final rejection was filed on July 18, 2006. The examiner is respectfully requested to enter the proposed additional amendments, made in response to the examiner's objections, which place the claims in better condition for appeal. No new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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